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Woman slashed by ex-husband at food court on Granville

MINOR INJURIES A 72-year-old woman was slashed in the face by her ex-husband — a man she hadn't seen in more than a decade, Vancouver police said yesterday.

The horrific public attack occurred Wednesday morning near the food court on Granville Island.

A Burnaby man, 74, spotted his ex-wife and called to her. When she turned, he ran up, grabbed her head and started slashing at her face with a pocketknife, leaving her with a small puncture wound near her eye.

Two men, in their 40s, grabbed the knife and held the man until police arrived.

The women was traumatized by the attack, but received only minor injuries.

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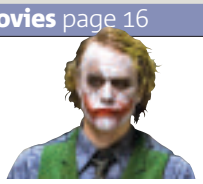

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Summer **Beach ball**

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Maya Miguel spikes the ball yesterday morning as she and partner Jamie Broder warm up for the Corona Open at Kits Beach. The beach volleyball tournament starts today and runs until Sunday. See story, page 2.

Lions set to win one for Bob Ackles

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B.C. Place is bracing for a near-sell out crowd tonight for the B.C. Lions' first home game since the club's president , Bob Ackles, died.

Mayor Sam Sullivan presented a plaque to the team's head coach and general manager, Wally Buono, at the stadium yesterday, declaring today Bob Ackles Day in Vancouver.

"(Tonight) will be a special night, obviously, for the football club and the fans," Buono said. "Bob would like (this) place to be full."

Ackles died of a heart attack on July 6. He was 69 years old.

Buono said last week was tough for the club.

"I want to pick up my phone and call Bob, and have to remind myself there won't be anyone at the other end."

But Buono said the players are focused, and added that the best way to honour Ackles is to win, "to make sure the fans, when they leave B.C. Place, are happy."

"Life always goes on and football isn't a sport that stops for anybody," said Buono. "These (players) are professionals and whether it's a birth … or a death, they all must learn that for the three hours they have to put all that aside."

A memorial ceremony for Ackles will be held immediately following the match against the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Nine B.C. doctors disciplined

JOYCE YIP
for Metro Vancouver

Nine B.C. physicians were disciplined for sexual misconduct involving patients in 2007, according to the B.C. College of Physicians and Surgeons annual report.

In one case, a Maple Ridge physician was fined and suspended for 18 months after he asked his patient out on a date while giving her a vaginal exam.

Another physician practising in New Westminster was charged after he exposed himself to two patients during their physical examinations.

In all, 28 allegations of sexual misconducts were made, but only one doctor was barred from practising. Other disciplined doctors were suspended, fined or agreed to stop practising if they had not already been out of practise when the complaint review was completed.

Caryn Duncan of the Vancouver Women's Health Collective, told CBC News Online the number of sexual misconduct cases is probably higher.

Some women are hesitant to file complaints against doctors because they fear they won't be taken seriously, she said.

Susan Prins, the director of media and communications at the College, told Metro yesterday the number of allegations is not cause for alarm.

"There are no material trends that we see from these numbers," she said. "These are pretty much the usual figures."

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Dark Knight sets record for presale tickets
Vancouver fans lined hours early yesterday to watch a midnight screening of the latest Batman movie. According to Cineplex Entertainment, The Dark Knight has set a new record for presale tickets. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Trade in your BlackBerry for herbal tea

The Fairmont Hotel in Whistler is promoting "electronic rehab" packages to BlackBerry addicts and cellphone fanatics by offering to lock up their electronic devices during their stays. In exchange, vacationers get herbal teas, meditation books, guided hikes, spa visits and more.
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Pivot files rights complaint

Security guards' treatment of homeless target of suit

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Security guards in Vancouver are discriminating against the city's homeless by telling people sitting or sleeping on benches to move along, to stop binning in alleys, and by following and intimidating them.

These are the allegations of a Human Rights complaint filed yesterday against Vancouver's Civil City commissioner and the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association (DVBIA) on behalf of homeless, drug addicted and disabled people in Vancouver.

The complaint was filed by Pivot Legal Society, the Vancouver Area Network Of Drug Users Society and the United Native Nations.

Laura Track, a lawyer with Pivot, said the Downtown Ambassadors program, which is run by Genesis Security and the DVBIA, under the guidance of commissioner Geoff Plant, singles out street people and impedes their legal access to public areas.

"We want the Tribunal to clarify what constitutes appropriate conduct on the part of private security guards when they're dealing with homeless people in public space," Track said.

David Dennis, with United Native Nations, said the Ambassador Program seems to be a tool used by the city to push homeless people aside.

"We're taking it upon ourselves to join in with this civil action so that our people can have some measure of protection prior to 2010," he said.

Request

The complaint asks the Human Rights Tribunal to award $20 to every person affected by this conduct, to a maximum of 1,000 people.

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Laura Track, Pivot Legal Society lawyer, and David Dennis, with United Native Nations, at the Pivot office in Vancouver yesterday.

B.C. Hydro bucks bill for power outage

While the lights came back on yesterday morning for 100 remaining B.C. Hydro customers, any talk of compensation has been called off by the utility.

On Monday, more than 2,000 downtown businesses and residents lost power after a cable caught fire, causing an explosion that sent smoke through the manhole on Richards and Pender streets. Several buildings were evacuated and businesses were forced to shut down.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business estimates that small businesses in the area lost as much as $36 million, but B.C. Hydro said it does not guarantee continuous power therefore it doesn't need to compensate its customers.

An independent investigation is expected within the next few weeks.

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Sneaker pics lead to tips in feet case, police say

One week after the RCMP went public with photographs of running shoes discovered along the British Columbia coastline with human remains inside, police say they have received a number of new leads.

Sgt. Pierre Lemaitre said he has received five tips and three of them seem credible enough to warrant opening three missing persons files.

Five shoes have been discovered since August 2007, the first of which was discovered on Jedidiah Island on the Georgia Strait.

The most recent shoe was found on June 16 in Ladner.

Two of the five feet are from the body of the same unidentified man.

There is no sign that the feet were removed by force and indications are they separated naturally from the bodies.

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Beach volleyballers eye 2012

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Eight athletes taking part in this weekend's Corona Open at Kits Beach could be Olympic bound in 2012, organizers of the annual beach volleyball competition said yesterday.

The tournament, Volleyball B.C.'s flagship beach event, kicks off today with top players in Western Canada and the U.S. battling for $15,000 in prize money.

But often, in a sport that doesn't attract the same attention, or sponsorship dollars, as say men's ice hockey, the biggest hurdle to making the Games is money.

> **"It's pretty much all self-funded."**
> Jamie Broder, 23
> on Team Canada

"It's pretty much all self-funded," said Jamie Broder, 23, a member of Canada's national beach volleyball team and future Olympic hopeful who is taking part in this weekend's tournament.

"I get a little bit of funding from the National Team, but for the majority of it, we're working."

Broder, with partner Maya Miguel, 25, is travelling to a tournament in Cyprus at the end of the month followed by another a week later in Liechtenstein.

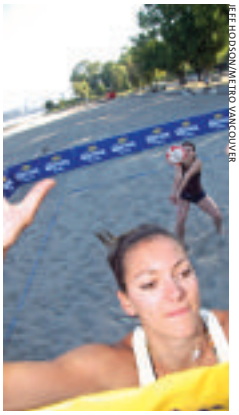
They are footing the bill themselves.

Miguel, whose brother and sister-in-law are former national team players, said balancing volleyball with a career is a struggle.

"There is some real talent in Canada," said Miguel. "Given the same circumstances Canadians could be on par with other athletes."

Qualifiers

The Corona Open begins today at 10 a.m. with the qualifying tournament. The main event gets underway tomorrow and concludes Sunday with the women's final at 3 p.m. and the men's at 4 p.m.



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Jamie Broder, left, and partner Maya Miguel prepare for the Corona Open beach volleyball tournament at Kits Beach.

News in brief

FIRE A fire in Langley has destroyed one home and heavily damaged another, news1130.com reports. The fire broke out around 2:30 a.m. yesterday and is believed to have started from a car inside one of the home's garage. No injuries were reported.

KENYA A missionary couple from B.C. who were beaten and raped in Kenya are on their way home to Vernon, news1130.com reports. John and Eloise Bergen had planned to stay in Africa but were convinced by their sons to return.

STABBING A 30-year-old man is in stable condition after being found stabbed outside a Surrey pub, cknw.com reports. He was in a parked car near the Big Ridge Pub but police suspect the stabbing occurred elsewhere and said the victim has not been co-operative.

MOUNTAIN About 70 trees were cut down in Queen Elizabeth Park yesterday. They were felled to restore a viewpoint atop Little Mountain despite opposition from nature lovers.

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Crash car resales

Lack of controls cited in ICBC case

INVESTIGATION An independent investigation found that a "general lack of controls and conflicting policies and procedures" allowed staff at ICBC's Burnaby research facility to hide the crash history of vehicles for sale.

The report, by PricewaterhouseCoopers, found that managers and staff changed the documentation on 96 "written-off" vehicles that were repaired at the centre.

The vehicles were purchased by staff and were resold privately for more than they were worth without the buyer knowing the true history of the vehicle.

The report, which makes a number of recommendations, also confirmed that employees were using the facility to repair personal vehicles and blamed management for not taking the appropriate actions when concerns were raised.

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Water so hot it's solar
B.C. is investing $5 million to launch a program to help promote solar hot water heaters in homes, schools and municipal buildings. The funding for SolarBC is part of the initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 33 per cent by 2020. METRO VANCOUVER

Olympics **Flying in 2010 style**

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Travellers browse through Olympic schwag at YVR. The store is the first of six being opened by 2010 at Vancouver's airport.

News in brief

STUDY Simon Fraser University is exploring the idea of issuing students a dual degree with a Chinese university. The computer science program would allow 36 students from China — nine of whom are here already — to study at SFU for two years and finish at Zhejiang University. On Monday, professors from both universities will discuss the program.

GANG Two men said to be members of the Fraser Valley-based UN gang were killed in Mexico, *cknw.com* reports. Elliott Castaneda of Abbotsford and Ahmet Kaawach, formerly of Vancouver, were shot in a restaurant. Mexico police believe it was drug related.

PRIDE The Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society will be joining the nearly 200 organizations in this years' Gay Pride Parade. It claims a recent study shows 20 per cent of homeless youth live on the streets because their parent(s) did not accept their sexual orientation.

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Gangs told to eat in

Initiative fights violence at restaurants

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Local gangsters should stock up on groceries because they're not welcome in Vancouver restaurants, police said yesterday as they unveiled a campaign to curb gang-related violence and shootings in local eateries.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Vancouver Supt. Warren Lemcke holds up a Restaurant Watch program sticker yesterday.

Restaurant Watch, launched yesterday by the Canadian and B.C. Restaurant and Foodservices Associations, commits restaurant staff to report suspicious activities and people, like gang members and drug dealers, to police.

"I'm going to be quite frank," said VPD Supt. Warren Lemcke. "They're not welcome in this city. … You're a gangster. You're a drug dealer. You have a history of violence. You're not welcome here. Period."

So far 40 downtown restaurants have signed up for the program, including Gotham steakhouse, where 37-year-old Richard Scarpino and a friend were shot to death in a car outside the restaurant in January.

Not included, however, are a number of restaurants, like Quattro on Fourth, which have also had high-profile shootings in the recent past.

Fortune Happiness Restaurant, home to the city's worst shooting in September 2007 that saw eight people shot and two people killed, is also not on the list.

Ian Tostenson, president and CEO of the B.C. Restaurant and Foodservices Association, said the program will begin in the downtown core, but hopes it will expand to restaurants across the city.

Next step

The initiative is based on the region's Bar Watch program that uses ID scanners to identify gangsters and invites police officers to remove them from the premises.

B.C. leads nation in break-ins: StatsCan

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Chances of having your car or home broken into are higher here than anywhere else in Canada.

But violent crime in British Columbia was down 3.6 per cent last year compared to 2006, with homicide rates the lowest they've been in more than 40 years.

These are the results of a Statistics Canada study about national crime rates, released yesterday.

It found that B.C. had the highest property crime rate in 2007, with 226,750 property crimes reported to police, primarily the result of a large number of thefts of $5,000 and under.

In Vancouver, overall crime rates dropped by 11.3 per cent last year, the third biggest decline out of all the big cities.

Despite the drop, the city still had the third highest rate of reported crimes, at 9,136 criminal offences, after Winnipeg and Edmonton.

Nationally, crime rates declined by 7 per cent in 2007, continuing the downward trend in police-reported crime since the rate peaked in 1991.

30-year pattern

Crime rates were highest in Western provinces and the territories, which has been the pattern for more than 30 years.

Province sees $2.9B surplus

BLACK B.C. government books are in the black for the third straight year with $2.9 billion in surplus according to numbers released yesterday.

Higher than expected profits from provincial corporations and revenue from increased taxes contributed to the windfall.

With $610 million in oil and gas rights sales for the fiscal year, and utilities like B.C. Hydro raking in $288 million more than projected, economic growth in B.C. was 3.1 per cent in 2007.

Despite the strong growth numbers — Canada's national average is 2.7 per cent — Finance Minister Colin Hansen is warning of a slowdown in the province's economic engine. Hansen cited a sluggish U.S. economy beleaguered by skyrocketing energy costs, the sub-prime mortgage debacle and high interest rates.

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letters

Eating disorders need early help

Re: "Eating disorders in need of treatment programs: Moms." Society has failed (girls aged 10 to 15). They are taught shopping or computer addiction as stress relief instead of nature/ocean walks, yoga/meditation or art/science retreats. Is it any wonder that eating disorders are rampant? The article is absolutely correct that they need early intervention and special care.

MARY TASI, NORTH VANCOUVER

Reader deplores Vancouver drivers

Re: "When fury takes the wheel." Drivers in Vancouver are the worst I've ever had the misfortune to see. I have driven and ridden (a motorcycle) all over Europe and North America and nowhere comes close to this place. What Vancouver needs is a real driver education program … and a much more difficult driving test, rather than the joke that it is today. JOSEPH DAY, VIA E-MAIL

E-mail letters to vancouverletters@metronews.ca. Metro reserves the right to edit all letters.

Researchers make fertility breakthrough
Montreal researchers have discovered the gene that controls ovulation, opening the door to potential new contraceptives and infertility treatments. "It's another target for contraception clearly, said Dr. Bruce Murphy, a co-author of the paper, which appears this week in the journal Genes and Development. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada

McCartney to separatists: Let it be

Former Beatle Paul McCartney, preparing for a massive concert in Quebec City on Sunday, finds himself in the eye of a storm as Quebec nationalists are in full froth over what they term a British cultural invasion. In an interview with Radio-Canada yesterday, McCartney played down complaints that his visit compounds the "Canadianization" of Quebec City's 400th anniversary. "I think it's time to, you know, smoke the pipe of peace and just put away the hatchets," the rocker said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Drawing controversy

Canadian-made cover gets mixed response

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

Public outcries, condemnations by politicians, heated dialogue on 24-hour news channels — it's a perfect day's handiwork for a Canadian editorial cartoonist.

That's the response to the illustration on the cover of the July 21 edition of the New Yorker by Connecticut-based Canadian expat Barry Blitt that depicts U.S. presumptive presidential nominee Barack Obama and his wife Michelle as Islamic extremist terrorists fist bumping in the Oval Office. Behind them on the wall sits a portrait of Osama bin Laden as the American flag burns in the fireplace under it.

While the magazine calls the cartoon — which has galvanized opinions and sparked worldwide debate — satire, others including spokespersons for both Obama's and U.S. Senator John McCain's presidential campaigns deride it as "tasteless and offensive."

Blitt, who refused interviews Wednesday, released an earlier statement to the Huffington Post saying: "I think the idea that the Obamas are branded as unpatriotic (let alone as terrorists) in certain sectors is preposterous. It seemed to me that depicting the concept would show it as the fear-mongering ridiculousness that it is."

Blitt is no stranger to controversy. In 2004, he was named in a lawsuit ex-media baron Conrad Black filed against Toronto Life for depicting the ex-media baron jubilantly arriving in hell.

But the contentious discussion the cover has generated is just indicative of a job well done, says Toronto Star editorial cartoonist Patrick Corrigan, who lauds the New Yorker cover.

"It's an excellent cartoon. It's hard-hitting and it does everything it's supposed to do," says Corrigan. "But in this case, the target was the right-wing media like Fox News that have described Obama in this way. That isn't made clear here. The audience the New Yorker is speaking to, the swanky Manhattan crowd, they'll get it. But a casual reader who isn't interested in politics will take this literally."

This New Yorker cover by artist Barry Blitt shows Barack Obama dressed as a Muslim and his wife Michelle as a terrorist.

RCMP dismiss Taser report

DZIEKANSKI RCMP dismissed a report yesterday that it may have compromised investigations into the death of Robert Dziekanski at YVR.

RCMP Commissioner William Elliott privately contacted the four officers involved in the incident where Dziekanski died after being Tasered.

Critics say that may be a conflict in the investigation.

"To suggest that there is something improper about the expression of sympathy and support for all of the individuals involved in this tragic event, including the RCMP's support for our employees, is wrong," the Mounties said in a statement.

Internal RCMP e-mails show police struggled to respond to negative international publicity over involving the case. REUTERS

News in brief

KHADR Lawyers for Omar Khadr are heading to Guantanamo Bay next week to meet with the Canadian detainee and let him know he's likely going to trial after a U.S. court rejected a last-minute injunction.

LABOUR Workers will have the freedom to take their skills to different provinces under a new pact reached by the premiers that ensures credentials in virtually all fields should be recognized nationwide by April.

PAGE The Barenaked Ladies yesterday said they are cancelling an appearance at a kids concert sponsored by Disney next month after lead singer Steven Page was arrested in New York state on a drug charge.

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Olmert trial continues

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's lawyers cross-examined a U.S. businessman yesterday whose damaging portrait of a politician with his hand out for cash stands at the centre of a corruption case. Olmert has said he will step down if indicted. REUTERS

World

"When it came up we took advantage."

Capt. Benjamin Mar, a Mexican navy spokesman, speaking about busting a drug smuggling submarine.

Sub drug bust

Mexican troops seized a small submarine smuggling drugs in the Pacific Ocean, their military said. The green-coloured submarine, carrying what was believed to be cocaine, was about 32 feet long.

Gitmo trial set to begin

U.S. judge rejects request to delay war crimes tribunals

The first Guantanamo Bay war crimes trial, of Osama bin Laden's former driver, can start next week, a federal judge ruled yesterday, refusing to intervene in the military process backed by U.S. President George W. Bush and Congress.

U.S. District Judge James Robertson rejected a request from attorneys for Salim Hamdan, who drove for the al Qaeda leader in Afghanistan, to stop his trial while he challenges the military tribunal system.

Robertson heard more than two hours of arguments from Hamdan's lawyers and the Justice Department over whether the trial should be delayed. It is due to start on July 21.

Hamdan, a Yemeni, would be the first prisoner tried in the U.S. war crimes court at the Guantanamo naval base in Cuba. There are about 265 detainees at base's prison camp, which was set up in January 2002 to hold terrorism suspects captured after the Sept. 11 attacks by al Qaeda in 2001.

Most have been held for years without being charged and many have complained of abuse.

Hamdan's attorneys said a landmark Supreme Court ruling last month made clear the detainees are entitled to fundamental constitutional rights. REUTERS

war trials

The Guantanamo trials are the first U.S. war crimes tribunals since World War Two. They were set up to try non-American captives whom the Bush administration considers "enemy combatants" not entitled to the legal protections granted to soldiers and civilians.

French air hostess to be space tourist

COMPETITION French air hostess Mathilde Epron was announced yesterday as one of Europe's pioneer space tourists.

Epron was chosen after she found a chocolate wrapper in the garbage and it had a winning number in a competition to fly to the upper reaches of the Earth's atmosphere.

A spokeswoman for Nestle in France confirmed that Epron had won the prize to take a flight on a four-seater, fighter-sized aircraft built by Rocketplane, a company that builds aircraft intended to provide cheap flights into space. REUTERS

Mathilde Epron will become one of Europe's first space tourists after she won a candy bar competition.

News in brief

RUSSIAN TRIAL The Russian prosecutor-general's office said yesterday it would put two Uzbeks on trial for trying to export to Iran a rare metal that can be used to build weapons of mass destruction. The two men had tried to transport to Iran more than one metric tonne of products made from tantalum, a metal sometimes used in nuclear reactors and missiles.

DARFUR CRISIS Senegal's president said yesterday George W. Bush told African leaders at one stage during meetings the United States might send troops to Sudan's Darfur if they did not act to halt what he saw as genocide there. REUTERS

Madrid bombing **Four men cleared of charges**

PEPE MARIN/REUTERS

Reporters surround Abdelilah Fadual El Akil, one of the four men cleared for crimes related to the 2004 Madrid train bombings, as he leaves the prison of Albolote yesterday in the southern Spanish province of Granada. A Spanish court yesterday cleared four of the 21 people charged for crimes related to the 2004 Madrid train bombings, which killed 191 people.

Iran sanctions expanded

BILL The U.S. Senate Banking Committee overwhelmingly approved a bill yesterday that would expand trade and economic sanctions in another attempt to prod Iran to step back from suspected nuclear weapons production and alleged support for terrorist activities.

By a vote of 19-2, the committee sent to the full Senate legislation that would try to clamp down on countries suspected of helping transport sensitive technologies and goods to Iran in violation of existing U.S. rules.

The measure also encourages U.S. pension plan managers and state and local governments to divest, directly or indirectly, from Iran's energy sector.

The bill also seeks to label the main bank in Iran as a supporter of terrorism. Supporters of terrorism often have their assets frozen. REUTERS

20 The law allows any state and local governments to divest from any company that invests $20 million or more in Iranian energy.

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Funerals held for Israeli soldiers

Thousands attended Israeli funerals yesterday for two slain soldiers returned in a prisoner swap with Hezbollah and their grief contrasted with Lebanon's joy over guerrillas freed in the deal.

Defence Minister Ehud Barak told the soldiers and civilians gathered at the graveside of Ehud Goldwasser, 31, that Israel was "heartbroken" and had "paid a heavy price" to bring home the bodies by freeing five guerrillas involved in deadly attacks.

He vowed at a funeral held in the northern Israeli town of Nahariya that Israel would make every effort to retrieve other captive soldiers, including Gilad Shalit, who was abducted by militants from the Gaza Strip in a 2006 cross-border raid.

A funeral for Eldad Regev, a second Israeli soldier whose remains were also returned in a black coffin as part of the deal on Wednesday, was underway in Haifa. REUTERS

peace talks

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice plans to host peace talks in Washington with Israeli and Palestinian negotiators on July 30, Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said yesterday.

Gore challenges U.S. on climate

RENEWABLE Al Gore, the Nobel Prize-winning crusader on climate change, challenged the United States yesterday to commit to producing all U.S. electricity from renewable sources like solar and wind power in 10 years.

"Our dangerous over-reliance on carbon-based fuels is at the core of all three of these challenges — the economic, environmental and national security crises," the former Democratic vice-president told a meeting in Washington. "So today I challenge our nation to commit to producing 100 per cent of our electricity from renewable energy and truly clean carbon-free sources within 10 years." REUTERS

Apple in no rush to bring iPhone to Russia, China
Unauthorized sales of unlocked iPhones in Russia and China are flourishing, but Apple Inc. seems in no hurry to make deals with operators to sell the nifty device in these huge markets officially. A million "cracked" iPhones may be in use in China. REUTERS

Business

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Gas cuts slow to reflect oil

It will likely to be the middle of next week before gasoline retail prices begin reflecting an 11-percent drop in oil prices, experts say.

"A price of almost $150 a barrel is unsustainable."
Clément Gignac

The decline represents in dollars the biggest three-day fall since oil futures began trading 25 years ago.

But opinions are divided over whether the drop is merely temporary relief — reflecting falling North American demand and concerns over inflation — or the beginning of a long-term slide that could see a barrel of crude costing less than $80 US within a year.

"A price of almost $150 a barrel is unsustainable and the $200 target advanced by some folks will soon prove a mirage," wrote National Bank Financial economist Clément Gignac.

But other feel the global supply-demand outlook will drive oil to $200 a barrel over the next few years.

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Sony to sell movies, TV shows for PS3

GAMES Sony's new PS3 console is going Hollywood.

Sony, which unveiled a new video service for its PlayStation 3 console at the E3 video game industry trade show in Los Angeles, says it will rent out and sell movies and television programs online for the PS3 .

The service will take a few months to reach Canada due to last-minute details to be ironed out with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, said Matt Levitan, marketing and public relations representative for PlayStation Canada.

"The PS3 is really hitting its stride," he said.

Rentals for shows and movies are $3, $6 for hi-def, and $15 to own, and will be compatible with the portable PSP console.

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News in brief

HBC CHIEF Hudson's Bay Co. named Jeffrey Sherman as its new chief executive yesterday. He joins HBC from Polo Ralph Lauren, where he was president and chief operating officer of the Polo retail group. Sherman was also CEO of The Limited stores. He will be responsible for The Bay, Zellers, Home Outfitters and Fields banners. REUTERS

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Athletics

Sprinter Dwain Chambers will find out today whether his High Court Challenge to an Olympic ban by the British Olympic Association has been successful. REUTERS

Beijing Games

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Yao returns after five months

BASKETBALL Yao Ming gave China's Olympic basketball hopes a boost when he returned to action for the first time after five months on the sidelines in China's 96-72 victory over Serbia in a warm-up tournament yesterday.

The 7'6" centre had an operation on a stress fracture to his left foot in March.

China play Angola tomorrow and Russia on Sunday in the round-robin tournament. REUTERS

Monday's lineup

MONEY TALKS Canadian Sport Centre's Casey Peirce says the image of the poor athlete is a myth, but swimmer Adam Sioui disagrees. "If my parents weren't there to give me support," he says, "I don't think I would have made it to this level." Read Monday's Metro for more.

20 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Beijing in lockdown mode

Pre-Games security crackdown continues as foreigners exit in droves

Is the Olympic party over even before it begins?

With every passing day, Beijing is slowly going into lockdown.

Foreigners are being scrutinized more than ever before, random security checks have begun on the city's subways and visa restrictions continue to tighten. Whether Beijing's Olympics can be the open, welcoming, joyous celebration for which the Games have come to be known is questionable.

But one thing is certain: Canada's Derek Hildenbrand won't be here.

The 29-year-old Web marketing specialist from Banff, Alta., has called Beijing home for 4 1/2 years.

But on Canada Day, he left for Eastern Europe — a casualty of the Chinese government's visa regulations being more strictly enforced as the countdown to the Games quickens.

GUANG NIU/GETTY IMAGES

Chinese authorities are tightening security before the Olympics.

Like countless thousands of foreigners, Hildenbrand was in Beijing on an easily renewable F-visa. Now the government has terminated F-visas — and he'll have to reapply from abroad.

"It's a major hassle," Hildenbrand said.

"And trying to find answers from the government is impossible. No one seems to know what's going on."

It's all part of the ever-tightening stranglehold of security that has gripped the city since the beginning of the new year.

With more than 100 heads of state coming to the Games, and the eyes of the world looking on, Chinese authorities have become — perhaps understandably — obsessed with security and are trying to examine and re-examine the status of every foreigner in Beijing.

National image counts, too.

Authorities have been shutting down selected bars, magazines, dissidents and websites — anyone and anything they feel might adversely effect China's reputation.

"They want this to be an absolutely perfect presentation," says Gilbert Kerckhove, a Beijing-based consultant. "They don't want to leave anything to chance."

For young Westerners who in recent years have flooded into Beijing — bringing their party spirit with them — it could be the end of an era, or at the very least, a long hiatus.

"There have been a lot of clampdowns," says Hildenbrand, "and it just doesn't seem to be as much fun."

Legitimately or otherwise, foreigners have been a target.

In the words of the China Law Blog, an award-winning Chinese website: "China's law enforcement against foreigners is constantly getting stricter and the pace has only accelerated in the last few months."

The visa restrictions pushing many Westerners out today are only the most recent escalation of ever-tightening security.

But China's security concerns are real, Kerckhove says, adding: "They're scared to death, especially about the possibility of an airborne attack."

Just yesterday, officials announced Beijing will restrict aircraft landing and taking off during the opening ceremony on Aug. 8 due to security concerns.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER China has taken the daily running of its soccer team away from Ratomir Dujkovic for health reasons, state media reported yesterday.

BEIJING An official admitted yesterday he had no idea when exactly three crucial new subway lines would open.

SOCCER Abby Wambach suffered a broken leg during the United States' 1-0 victory over Brazil on Wednesday and will miss the Games. REUTERS

MARK RALSTON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

An Olympic volunteer greets foreign tourists as they arrive at the new International airport in Beijing.

10 things you should know if you're going to Beijing

The Beijing Olympics promise to be the most security-conscious ever. China has even released a list of dos and don'ts for visitors:

1. If a foreigner stays in the home of a Chinese resident, she must report to the local police within 24 hours.

2. A foreigner operating a motor vehicle must hold a state-issued temporary driver's permit.

3. All of China is not open to foreigners, who may not travel to prohibited areas without permission.

4. Places of entertainment may not operate between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m.

5. Foreigners must carry passports at all times. Police can examine your documents at any time.

6. China forbids the display of insulting slogans and banners promoting religious, political or ethnic slogans in Olympic stadiums.

7. To hold a rally, demonstration or protest, application must be made to the Public Security Office.

8. Prostitution is forbidden.

9. Guns and ammunition, crossbows, daggers and similar weapons are not permitted without authorization.

10. To burn, damage, inscribe, stain, stomp on or by any other means deface the Chinese flag or other emblems of China in a public place is a criminal offence.

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Yankees add slugger Sexson

The New York Yankees have reached a tentative agreement with first baseman Richie Sexson, who was released by the Seattle Mariners a week ago, ESPN.com is reporting. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

"It was fun, it was insane and great to finish like I did."

Rocco Mediate, right, said about playing a cold, windy and rain-filled start to the British Open.

Mediate tied for lead

The runner-up at the U.S. Open Rocco Mediate shot a 1-under 69 at Royal Birkdale yesterday to sit in a three-way tie for the lead after the first round of the British Open with Robert Allenby and Graeme McDowell. Mike Weir is in seventh, at one-over.

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Official odds

- To win NL pennant: Cubs — 3/2; Mil. — 7/2; Phil. — 11/2.
- To win AL pennant: Bos. — 7/5; T.B. — 2/1; LAA —7/2.
- To win NL Cy Young: Tim Lincecum, S.F., 5/2; Brandon Webb, Ari., 7/2; Edinson Volquez, Cin., 5/1.
- To win AL Cy Young: Cliff Lee, Cle., and Justin Duchscherer, Oak., 9/2; Roy Halladay, Tor., 5/1.

The economy sucks, baseball is far too slow for the fast-paced world in which we live, and MLB commissioner Bud Selig is pretty well a buffoon.

And yet, despite these three undeniable factballs, big-league baseball is somehow not striking out. Rather, it is defying the odds. As it launches the post-All-Star-Game portion of its schedule, MLB is actually on pace to reach a mind-boggling attendance record — 80-million spectators.

While companies throughout Canada and the United States are folding, while mortgages cannot be paid, and while gas tanks cannot be filled, turnstiles at MLB parks somehow spin at an unprecedented rate.

Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig

What gives?

Selig's belief is that baseball, for a reason he can't quite figure out, is bullet-proof to the economy. He figures families might call off long vacation trips because of the absurd gas prices they're dealing with but will still be inclined to patronize MLB ballparks.

"I don't have empirical data to support my theory," the commish said this week. "It's just something I feel, that's all."

Whatever, Selig is either the luckiest guy in sports or the slyest because, somehow, baseball is on pace to set its fifth consecutive attendance record. And that's remarkable, really.

• I still think Selig and his stuffed-shirt colleagues are out to lunch, however, when they continue to defend the most inequitable rule difference in sports.

I mean, why does the NL not use a designated hitter? It creates such a dramatic disparity between it and the AL that it's almost unfathomable. The AL has been using the DH since 1973, for crying out loud. The NL still lives in the dark ages.

How ridiculous is it for AL pitchers who haven't hit in years suddenly having to pretend to do so in NL parks, even during the World Series?

• While Selig gets off scot-free for his DH dizziness, he'll find himself in an ocean of hot water if Barry Bonds isn't signed by an MLB club soon.

A few contenders are expressing interest in Bonds — including the Arizona Diamondbacks and Detroit Tigers — but should he remain unemployed in another 10 days or so, look for the MLB Players Association to file a legal grievance claiming owners and executives conspired to keep the controversial home-run king out of the majors.

• For Canadian football stuff, including details of a private memo sent out to clubs from league headquarters, check out my latest CFL Report, exclusively at *www.metronews.ca*.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Lions look to win one for Ackles

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It's Bob Ackles Day in Vancouver and the Lions hope to celebrate the same way they did last Friday — with a win against the Blue Bombers.

Stefan Logan gets the start at tailback in place of the injured Joe Smith, and Wally Buono went out of his way to state there is no controversy in the B.C. backfield. Smith is the starter when he returns, but if Logan puts up the kinds of numbers he did last week, Smith will have a battle for the ball on his hands once his health improves.

Logan and the Leos will be running on emotion tonight in B.C.'s first home game since the passing of the legendary Ackles.

A post game tribute to Ackles will follow tonight's tilt, and if you don't have tickets already, get some. It will be a special night under the dome as one of the great leaders in our community is publicly saluted.

• Even when the NHL tries to get it right, it somehow gets it wrong with regards to scheduling.

While fans in Vancouver will get to see each of the three Eastern-based Canadian teams this season, it's the teams and players they won't see that once again stick out.

No Sidney Crosby, no Alexander Ovechkin, no Markus Naslund. None of those players will grace the ice at GM Place this season as the league decided to keep the Penguins, Capitals and Rangers away from the rabid hockey following in Western Canada.

Yes, the Canucks will play each of those teams in their arenas, but three of the six teams that won't play in Vancity this year are among the most desirable to see.

0 The number of times Canucks fans will get the chance to see Sidney Crosby, Alex Ovechkin or Markus Naslund play at GM place this season.

Perhaps Gary Bettman feels there's no need to use those stars to sell hockey in markets like Edmonton and Vancouver (at least Calgary gets the Capitals), but there's something to be said for rewarding the folks who've been your bread and butter.

On the bright side, the new look Lightning come to town, as do the always-popular Flyers. As for travel concerns, the Canucks effectively have four road trips that are six games or longer. Vancouver's longest home stand is a six game set in early November.

• Mike Weir's 1-over 71 in the opening round of the British Open is even more remarkable given the weather he played in. Weir saw the worst of the wind and rain at Royal Birkdale, but an eagle on 17 had him just two shots back of the lead heading into round two.

Stephen Ames is also in contention, sitting just four stokes back at plus-3.

How to make a Scott Rintoul: Mix equal parts college athlete, sports fan and broadcaster. Shake vigorously.

Sports in brief

NHL The Vancouver Canucks, in conjunction with the National Hockey League, released the club's 2008-09 regular season schedule today. Vancouver opens the regular season at home on Thursday, Oct., 9th versus the Calgary Flames.

MLB The Philadelphia Phillies bolstered a thin starting rotation yesterday, acquiring pitcher Joe Blanton from the Oakland Athletics for three minor league prospects. The Phillies sent infielder Adrian Cardenas, outfielder Matt Spencer and pitcher Josh Outman to Oakland in exchange for Blanton.

NBA Guard Deron Williams has agreed to a contract extension with the Utah Jazz, the team announced yesterday.

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Tampa Bay	55	39	.585	½
N.Y. Yankees	50	45	.526	6
Toronto	47	48	.495	9
Baltimore	45	49	.479	10½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	54	40	.574	—
Minnesota	53	42	.558	1½
Detroit	48	47	.505	6½
Kansas City	43	53	.448	12
Cleveland	41	53	.436	13

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Angels	57	38	.600	—
Oakland	51	44	.537	6
Texas	50	46	.521	7½
Seattle	37	58	.389	20

NATIONAL LEAGUE
EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	52	44	.542	—
N.Y. Mets	52	44	.542	—
Florida	50	45	.526	1½
Atlanta	45	50	.474	6½
Washington	36	60	.375	16

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	57	38	.600	—
St. Louis	54	43	.557	4
Milwaukee	52	43	.547	5
Cincinnati	46	51	.474	12
Pittsburgh	44	51	.463	13
Houston	44	51	.463	13

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Arizona	47	48	.495	—
L.A. Dodgers	46	49	.484	1
San Francisco	40	55	.421	7
Colorado	40	57	.412	8
San Diego	37	59	.385	10½

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CFL

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	GB
Saskatchewan	3	0	0	6
Calgary	3	1	0	6
Edmonton	2	1	0	4
B.C.	1	2	0	2

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
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Toronto	1	2	0	2
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Winnipeg	0	3	0	0

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Dave Norona rides one of Pemberton's mountain bike trails.

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The Pemberton Valley and surrounding mountains as seen from Mount Currie.

Exploring Pemberton

WestCoast**Outdoors**

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Music

Laidback folkfest draws talent

Jason Collett, Aimee Mann among artists set to perform at annual event

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Jason Collett faced a tough decision leading up to Vancouver's Folkfest.

That same weekend, the indie-rock collective he's played in for years, Broken Social Scene, is performing in Whistler.

But rather than helicopter to the resort, he decided to stay in Vancouver.

"For the last several years I've committed myself to doing my own stuff," he said. "(And one thing) I really like about the festival is the intimate playing … It's like being around a kitchen table, having conversations where everyone can join in."

That sentiment is shared by one of this year's big draws — Grammy-winning singer-songwriter Aimee Mann. Reached before a performance at Denver's botanical gardens Mann, who's touring her new disc @#%&*! Smilers, really enjoys laid-back outdoor shows.

"They're looser … and have that summer vacation feel. It's fun playing a rock club, but it's definitely a different vibe," she said. "There's less pressure as a performer, and people are just concentrating on having a good time. You don't have to feel like you need to get the crowd all together — it's OK they're all doing their own thing — picnicking, some listening, some napping."

Mann also enjoys the variety at summertime festivals. Eight years ago she and her husband Michael Hausman put on Acoustic Vaudeville shows. They alternated songs, backing each other and introducing comedians and musicians in a collaborative event they toured across the States. While that show has since ended, Mann now co-hosts a Christmas variety show.

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Jason Collett, left, and Aimee Mann, above, are just two of the many artists playing the 31st annual Vancouver Folk Music Festival in Jericho Beach Park this weekend. Visit *thefestival.bc.ca* for details.

Collett is bringing his Dylan-esque singing style to three shows at the FolkFest. He enjoys the festival's workshops and the chance to hang out with friends and musicians who've been playing for 50 years but are still vital — his definition of success.

"I used to put on Radio Monday concerts in Toronto, where we put five or six artists on stage at same time. The format was like Folkfest — people brought instruments … computers and stuff," he said. "Backstage before a show, it's always a good time. No one's up there singing scales, or meditating — we're drinking. … It's all fun."

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This Day In Music

In 1992, singer Whitney Houston and rapper Bobby Brown marry at Houston's mansion in Mendham Township, N.J. Among the guests are Patti LaBelle, Gladys Knight, Gloria Estefan and Dick Clark. REUTERS

Tales to rock summer

Dazzle your friends with these music tidbits

SoundCheck

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I'm not quite sure how we let this happen, but July is already half over. Adding insult is an unkind calendar which has allowed Labour Day to fall on September 1st, the earliest possible it can be. In other words, if you haven't started enjoying summer, best get to it.

With that in mind, here are ten things about rock music that you can use to dazzle people around the campfire or the barbecue:

Johnny Rotten, leader of Sex Pistols is married to a woman named Nora Forster. She's an heir to a German publishing and media fortune worth an estimated $100 million. Meanwhile, Johnny has apparently made a nice killing in the real estate market.

Jack White of the White Stripes once aspired to be a priest. As a real-life altar boy in Detroit, he was cast in a 1987 movie called The Rosary Murders.

As a kid, Eddie Vedder was a professional model, appearing in department store catalogues as well as several TV commercials and at least one episode of the original Bozo the Clown.

While attending University College London, Coldplay's Chris Martin was the captain of the men's field hockey team.

Billy Talent used to be known as "Pezz." Pez, the candy company famous for their dispensers, was not impressed and threatened to sue.

Between the time they were formed and their retirement, the Ramones played exactly 2,262 shows. Johnny Ramone documented every single one of them.

Blur bassist Alex James has retired to the English countryside where he's become a master cheese maker. He's known for a variety of goat's cheese he calls "Little Wallop."

Stephen Hawking, the renowned wheelchair-bound physicist, is a major fan of Depeche Mode. He wrote them a number of fan letters, asking to meet them.

The Longest Pop/Rock Song Ever: In 1996, Chris Butler released The Devil Glitch. Its 500 verses unfolded over a little more than 69 minutes.

But That's Nothing: John Cage's As Slow As Possible is currently being performed on an organ at a church in Halberstadt, Germany. It began on September 5, 2001 and is scheduled to end in 2640 after 639 years. (FYI: Weights are used to hold down keys on the organ.)

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CD Reviews

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Carla Bruni

Album: Comme si de Rien N'était **Label:** Naïve
Release date: July 15

SOME PEOPLE will pan Carla Bruni's new record simply because she's married to French President Nicolas Sarkozy. But take a listen to Comme si de Rien N'était and you see that this model-turned-singer-turned-political figure is one talented first lady. Her third disc is full of soft, acoustic tracks, which touch on childhood, life at 40 and her famous husband. It's all very pleasant, but she's not as passionate as fellow Frenchie Karen Ann, who does baroque pop better. Still, after a couple spins it won't matter who this songstress is sleeping with. **Bryan Borzykowski**

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John Mellencamp

Album: Life, Death, Love And Freedom **Label:** Hear Music
Release date: July 15

JOHN MELLENCAMP TAKES on the persona of a cranky old man sitting in a rocking chair with a shotgun across his lap. He's doing battle with the grim reaper in a voice that's raspy, raw, bitter and angry. This is not for John Cougar fans, but for lovers of Steve Earle and Springsteen's Nebraska. Mellencamp and producer T-Bone Burnett have cut a masterful country-blues album. **Graham Rockingham**

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Ledger's mesmerizing final performance

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The Dark Knight
Director: Christopher Nolan
Stars: Christian Bale, Heath Ledger
Classification: PG
Rating:

REVIEW The Dark Knight — filmmaker Christopher Nolan's follow-up to Batman Begins — definitely takes the caped crusader down a darker path as perhaps best exemplified by one character who prophetically says, "you either die a hero or you live long enough to see yourself become the villain."

Wow. Happy days.

The film begins with Gotham City under siege by criminals. It turns out that the presence of a hero like Batman (Christian Bale) attracts a darker element and none more so than psychopathic villain The Joker (played by the late Heath Ledger).

The film is really a chess game mainly between the two opposing players and Nolan focuses in on the moral struggle of its fascinating lead characters.

Oh, but they're not alone. Enter District Attorney Harvey Dent (Aaron Eckhart), who in his attempt to clean up Gotham, gets himself tangled in the moral web, which eventually turns him into a maniacal vigilante as well.

I don't need to go into the plot details for The Dark Knight.

People will flock to this film (and rightly so) because Nolan creates a stunning visual masterpiece and the complexity of an antihero like Batman is intriguing, especially when played so expertly by Bale (although that scratchy Clint Eastwood impression does get a touch annoying after 150 minutes). However, the main reason people may run to see this movie is to see the much lauded portrayal of The Joker by Heath Ledger.

It's difficult to judge how good Ledger's performance is because it is impossible to watch him without being influenced by the tabloid fanfare surrounding his death (did playing The Joker lead him to his demise?).

One thing is certain though —it's a mesmerizing performance and if for no other reason, The Dark Knight is worth seeing for Ledger.

The late Heath Ledger stars as The Joker in The Dark Knight.

Space Chimps a champ

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Space Chimps
Director: Kirk De Micco
Stars: Andy Samberg, Patrick Warburton
Classification: G
Rating:

Space Chimps opens today.

REVIEW It's a difficult line to walk. The cocksure hero can't be too arrogant, or he won't win our hearts. There has to be charm and vulnerability in the mix, or we won't care what happens. With Ham III, the sarcastic, high-flying, naturally gifted, golden-hearted, computer-generated hero of Space Chimps, we care.

Ham III, voiced by Saturday Night Live's Andy Samberg in this CGI kids flick, gets a lot of laughs. He's cocky, but it's easy to see through his posturing.

His grandfather — Ham — was a famous chimp astronaut, and Ham III hasn't come close to living up to his family's legacy. He's a circus chimp who gets fired out of a cannon.

But when Ham III gets recruited to lead an important space mission, he gets his chance to make his mark.

What follows is a predictable but entertaining story, kind of an Odyssey-Star Wars mix for chimps.

The kids will love Space Chimps. Kirk De Micco's script is snappy, and there isn't much downtime in the brisk 81 minutes.

A couple of times, a gag is on the verge of being too long when De Micco wisely moves things along.

Space Chimps is well paced and will keep the young ones attentive.

And although the story is tried and true, it still holds together for adults.

Many CGI filmmakers try to cram in as many pop-culture references as possible, as if to say "look how clever we are!"

De Micco uses them sparingly and effectively without getting in the way of the narrative.

Space Chimps is the type of film kids can relate to, and parents can describe as "cute" when they talk about it amongst themselves.

And, as always, the CGI technology is a feast for the eyes.

Musicals aren't for everyone

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Mamma Mia!
Director: Phyllida Lloyd
Stars: Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan
Classification: PG
Rating:

REVIEW You should know that you've been forewarned when there's an exclamation mark in the title of a movie, I suppose.

The first 20 minutes of Mamma Mia! are taken up with arrivals on a Greek island where Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is getting married at the hotel run by Donna (Meryl Streep), her hippie mother. There's Sophie's bridesmaids, and Donna's old running mates Rosie (Julie Walters) and Tanya (Christine Baranski), all of whom greet each other with a symphony of squeals, and by the time the cast is belting out Dancing Queen, the first tremors of a crippling migraine should be lancing through your cortex like a knitting needle.

Stellan Skarsgard, Pierce Brosnan and Colin Firth try to figure out who the daddy is in Mamma Mia!, opening this weekend.

Based on the Broadway musical that made ABBA songs even more omnipresent than they were, it's the story of Sophie's search for her father, after learning that he could have been any one of three men her mother slept with during some eventful summer in the '70s.

The three — played by Pierce Brosnan, Stellan Skarsgard and Colin Firth — arrive on the island and become the catalyst for a blaring but improbable farce predicated on the assumption that no one is capable of pausing for a second and reflecting on the obvious.

It's a plot that, should someone have suggested the simple expediency of a DNA test, would have pulled the whole movie up short after just one song.

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Sequel The Simpsons is heading back to the big screen – creator Matt Groening has confirmed a sequel to last summer's hit movie. But Groening warns fans they have a long wait ahead, as the first film took four years to make. **IMDB.COM**

An ode to the Good Doctor

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Gonzo: The Life And Work of Hunter S. Thompson
Director: Alex Gibney
Classification: 14A
Rating:

Hunter S. Thompson's life and death are looked at in Gonzo.

REVIEW Gonzo begins with the voice of Johnny Depp reading aloud from a column the late Hunter S. Thompson wrote just after 9/11. The actor played Thompson in Terry Gilliam's 1998 movie adaptation of Fear And Loathing In Las Vegas, the book that did the most to cement Thompson's reputation as the wild man of American journalism, a raging, drug-addled juggernaut of probably justified paranoia careening off the walls of mainstream American politics and society.

He has obvious reverence for Thompson's words and opinions, as does almost everyone interviewed for this epic documentary, from writer Tom Wolfe to Rolling Stone publisher Jann Wenner to politicians like George McGovern, Gary Hart and Jimmy Carter. In the column, Thompson holds forth on his despair for America in the wakes of the attacks, and the apocalypse to come he spies over the horizon. It's a terrible bit of writing — self-important but lifeless, cobbled together with the hyperbolic quasi-Biblical metaphor that Thompson had, by this point in his career, worn threadbare.

Thompson's great achievement was to embody a style of journalism — urgent, irresponsible, crazed — the reflected his times: the '60s and early '70s, when American society seemed to be running off the rails, bulging and cracking under the stress of a generation of youth who demanded that it be remade in their image.

At some point, his wildly inspired muse — lubricated and untethered by generous helpings of booze and drugs — was dubbed "Gonzo," and Thompson became an act that he had to fulfill, at great personal cost to himself and his writing.

In an interview from the mid-'70s, we see him admitting that he's trapped by his persona, and can no longer just be a journalist, since his very presence inevitably makes him part of the story. Sent to Zaire to cover the Mohammed Ali-George Foreman fight, he opts instead to lounge around the hotel pool rather than cover the story, a sure indicator of the onset of depression.

After this, it's just a long, miserable decline that ends with Thompson's suicide three years ago, with his ex-wife on the phone and his son and grandson in the house.

It was a tawdry, selfish end, and by the time it happens, it's hard not to regard the milieu of friends and fans telling his story to Alex Gibney's camera as enablers, or to ignore a feeling of contempt for their part in turning talent into self-parody.

Savage Grace a deeply shallow movie

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

Savage Grace
Director: Tom Kalin
Stars: Julianne Moore, Stephen Dillane
Classification: 18A
Rating:

REVIEW Like his 1992 debut film Swoon, Tom Kalin's Savage Grace applies a post-modern sensibility to a lurid story torn from yellowed headlines: In lieu of a thinly veiled Leopold and Loeb, Kalin restages the 1972 murder of American socialite Barbara Daly Baekeland (wife to the heir of the Bakelite plastics empire).

That the film is told from the murderer's point of view — and that said murderer is Baekeland's late son Anthony, with whom she had engaged in incestuous activities to "cure" him of his homosexuality — should give the material some queasy, true-crime-thriller pull, but the tone is so chicly chilly as to preclude even cheap heat. Inevitably, period pastiche queen Julianne Moore plays Baekeland, and her quietly ferocious performance is easily the best thing about the film.

With the opportunity to over-act all but served up on a silver platter, she opts for underplaying, shrinking the dimensions of her broadly sketched society gorgon role down to human scale.

But the writing is dreadful right from the opening voice-over, in which Anthony (played as a child by Barney Clark and as an adult by Eddie Redmayne), describes himself as the steamy residue of a failed marriage between hot and cold. (There was, you may recall, a similar monologue in This Is Spinal Tap, where the tortured metaphor was funny on purpose).

Kalin wears his art on his sleeve, framing the action with dramatic angles and punctuating the decades-spanning melodrama — Anthony goes from mama's boy to mama's man — with none-more-noirish-ish musical cues. The film investigates its tragic, complex real-life characters only to caricature and exploit them.

It's about superficiality, but it's also extremely superficial — a deeply shallow movie.

Deconstructing Winnipeg

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

My Winnipeg
Director: Guy Maddin
Stars: Guy Maddin, Ann Savage
Classification: 18A
Rating:

My Winnipeg is now playing.

REVIEW Suggesting nothing so much as a Canadian Heritage Minute distended to feature length and spiced with peyote, Guy Maddin's poetic documentary My Winnipeg is easily the most ambitious film ever made about the capital of Manitoba. Granted, it's a pretty short list. But I'd go even further and say that My Winnipeg is the greatest statement of civic pride in recent Canadian cinema: an appropriate alternate title could have been This Beautiful City (and an appropriate alternate title for This Beautiful City could have been Let's All Hate Toronto).

Not that Maddin's feelings about his birthplace are uncomplicated. Like Cowards Bend the Knee, My Winnipeg finds the filmmaker in autobiographical-confessional mode, weaving together personal and municipal legends so that the two seem inextricable.

The film begins with Madding insisting, via voiceover, that he must literally and figuratively leave the city ASAP, lest he succumb to its hypnotic undertow. But that's exactly what happens — instead of getting out, he and his on-screen surrogate, played in a state of perpetual slumpage by Darcy Fehr, are pulled back in.

In the hope of exorcising his ghosts, Maddin restages psychologically fraught scenes from his childhood, claiming his family's willing participation even as his mother is clearly being played by 40s noir legend Ann Savage. These symbolically charged vignettes unfold in between believe-it-or-not stories about Winnipeg's past, from hockey heroes to (frozen) horse heads.

While some viewers will undoubtedly rush to their encyclopedias to vet the authenticity of these anecdotes — i.e. did the city fathers really stage a mock Nazi invasion to goose war bond sales? — the fact of their factualness is irrelevant.

Maddin is trying to communicate the outsized, lingering effect that our surroundings have on our psyches. His groggily fantastic Winnipeg could be your Montreal, or somebody else's Moncton. We're all products of our environment.

If frustration is sublime, Duchess is masterpiece

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

The Duchess of Langeais
Director: Jacques Rivette
Stars: Jeanne Balibar, Guillame Depardieu
Classification: G
Rating:

The Duchess of Langeais is now playing.

REVIEW The Duchess of Langeais is a 19th-century chamber drama that unfolds in the stifling salons of French high society, with bookend sequences in a slate-grey Corsican castle. But don't let the Masterpiece Theatre trappings fool you; octogenarian auteur Jacques Rivette's adaptation of a Balzac novel — coming four decades after his monumental, Balzac-inflected 13-hour epic Out:1 — is as ferocious a film as you're likely to see this year. "Steel against steel," vows Gen. Montriveau (Guilliame Depardieu), but he isn't talking about the battlefield. He's psyching himself for another rendezvous with the object of his tortured affections — the eponymous, corseted tease played, in a brilliantly modulated performance, by Jeanne Balibar. The Duchess, an exquisitely manicured public creature, isn't exactly coy about her attraction to the hobbled war hero, but being married (we never see her husband) insists they keep their passions under wraps; receiving him in her boudoir, she wields her propriety like a bludgeon. And the general, a stolid, brooding type unversed in this sort of gamesmanship, practically marinates in frustration. The moment at which the emotional poles reverse is the high point of the film — bluntly theatrical, darkly comic and charged with erotic threat (suffice it to say that a branding iron is involved). Even as the beautifully deployed framing device undercuts any hopes that these non-lovers will ever consummate their affair — and even as Rivette's distanced camera pointedly eschews intimacy — we're rapt with suspense and anticipation.

If it's possible for frustration to be sublime, then The Duchess Of Langeais is a masterpiece.

Casting

Will Ferrell is starring in Sony Pictures' Two Face, a dramedy scripted by Vince Gilligan (Hancock, Home Fries). **EW.COM**

Screen Actors Guild and Hollywood studios keep quiet after their third meeting

INDUSTRY Hollywood studios and the Screen Actors Guild held their third meeting since the studios declared an end to contract negotiations, but the two sides parted company again without any public comment. The uncertain outcome of session came as the stalemate between SAG and the studios' bargaining agent, the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, dragged into its third week with no final act in sight.

"A small group from AMPTP and SAG met today. Both parties agreed that the contents of the meeting should be kept private," the producers alliance said in a statement released late on Wednesday. No further meetings were scheduled. A corresponding message from SAG likewise said both sides agreed to keep their interaction confidential.

The contract at issue covers the work of 120,000 SAG members in primetime TV and movies, an industry still reeling from a 14-week screenwriters strike that ended in February.

A strike by the actors is seen as unlikely. SAG, for example, has sought higher residual payments for actors from DVD sales and to extend its contract coverage to all made-for-Internet programming.

REUTERS

Film trivia
Kit Kittredge: An American Girl was shot in onlt 27 days.
IMDB.COM

Reel Times

Ferrell loves to improv

Talladega Nights star reunites with McKay and Reilly in Step Brothers

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

GETTY IMAGES

Will Ferrell's comedic talents will hit the big screen next week in Step Brothers.

FEATURE Whether it's one of his more memorable skits from Saturday Night Live or on the big-screen, Will Ferrell always seems like he's having a good time. As it turns out, that was exactly the case when Ferrell made Talladega Nights with director Adam McKay and co-star John C. Reilly. After finishing the 2006 comedy, the threesome made a "blood pact" to reunite.

"You have fun experiences (on films) and you say 'let's do it again' and then it slips through your fingers," says Ferrell. "So we really made a point to sit down and meet."

Following several brainstorm dinners, McKay dreamed up a ridiculous story about two feuding middle-aged slackers who would be forced to cope with each other after their respective parents met and got married.

The result: the hilarious new movie Step Brothers (out next Friday).

As with their previous effort, Step Brothers mostly works because it's filled with moments of inspired improvisation and madness.

"Adam's one of the few directors who we kind of do the take once and then we begin improvising whether we want to or not," says Ferrell. "It's unusual because most directors have you work on the scene until you have it down and then maybe you try an extra take just for fun."

However, Ferrell defends the final cut insisting that it's mostly scripted.

"We improvise a lot in the writing process so I think even our written scenes have that kind of back and forth feel that make it seem improvised."

It's that touch of magic that has also turned the Step Brother trio into Internet stars. After launching the website FunnyorDie.com, Ferrell and McKay garnered even more fans with hysterical homemade videos like The Landlord (starring McKay's foul-mouthed toddler Pearl).

Not only has it been viewed over 57 million times, but HBO has now invested in FunnyorDie.com with plans to produce specials from the website.

Step Brothers definitely follows the same sense of humor found on FunnyorDie.com and, specifically, the only skit that stars all three Step Brothers collaborators — a sketch called The Green Team featuring unusual enviro-tips ("a compost bin is a great place to store a baby when you're finished with them").

When asked if that might be the next big-screen collaboration by the trio, McKay responds perhaps sarcastically, but without hesitation: "We'll pitch it. Sadistic environmentalists who go around beating people up — it's very sellable."

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Will Ferrell on Step Brothers

Baruchel on Buried

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Jay Baruchel will hit the big screen next week in Chaz Thorne's Just Buried.

FEATURE Most people know him as part of the posse of actors associated with writer/director Judd Apatow, but Jay Baruchel still makes Montreal his home base, and says that he's grateful when he gets a chance to stay in Canada and make a film like Chaz Thorne's Just Buried, a black comedy about a no-hoper who inherits a rural funeral home from the father he barely knew.

"I'm always looking for an excuse to pay some rent and stay in Canada," says Baruchel, who began his career in Hollywood with a small role in Almost Famous before entering the Apatow universe with the brilliant-but-canceled TV series Undeclared.

"I read one of the best scripts I'd ever read when I read Just Buried — laughed, read the whole thing through in one sitting and never had to force myself to keep reading.

"I hate using terms like this, but I really did fall in love with the character, man. The kid really did make me laugh, and it was very close to my sense of humour, this movie. I guess I've said it before, but when I read a script I really like it's like when I meet a girl I really like — I get butterflies in my stomach.

"That's literally what happened, and my mind then goes to that neurotic, negative place, where it's like 'There's no way this girl is single. There's no way this part isn't cast yet.' It was a full-court press — I was going to make it my mission to play Oliver. I had the most fun ever making that movie, man."

The put-upon Oliver is of a piece with roles that Baruchel seems to have made his specialty, from Undeclared to Knocked Up to the upcoming Tropic Thunder and Fanboys. Does he worry about getting typecast?

"Yeah. I worry about getting cancer, too, but it's like all I can do is do the things that I like. And I know that I have no interest in playing parts that I've already played before. That being said, I've got to pay rent and buy cat food. No one knew I was in Million Dollar Baby until I mentioned it to them. I think that it's a testament to that movie — I take that as a compliment. I can't be in any danger of being typecast if I play a retarded Texas boxer, which is pretty far away from what I know."

Movie morsels

Hancock

Comic book aficionados will spot the patchwork of some of the genre's classically corruptible characters that make up Will Smith's flawed protagonist: Hancock drinks like Tony Stark, causes mayhem like Bruce Banner's better half, and like X-Man, is a nearly indestructible, boor who can't remember his past. Like all three, he has his heart in the right place when it comes to saving the world.
Brian Towie/Metro Canada

Hellboy II

Just before the climactic battle in Guillermo del Toro's Hellboy sequel, we're reminded of a prophetic plot point from the first film that both sets up Hellboy III – or IV or V; it's obvious no one's really bothered by this dose of dramatic Xanax – and deflates the conflict to come by underlining the likelihood that the hero will survive to fight another day.**Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada**

Journey To The Center Of The Earth

Brendan Fraser stars in this 3-D film, which features, among other exercises of the medium, a thick glob of dinosaur drool launching from the screen and into your eye. An updating of the classic Jules Verne tale for the green screen age, it's been given the full-on 3-D treatment by director Eric Brevig with an unrestrained enthusiasm for the film's primary technical parlour trick. While you don't want to think too much about what Journey has to say about plate techtonics or zoology, its hurtling pace and unabashed enthusiasm for every unlikely new peril is the best thing about the film.
Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Meet Dave

Eddie Murphy plays both a human-shaped spaceship named Dave and the tiny alien Captain controlling his every move. On a quest to find a mysterious orb that crashed to Earth, he meets a family and learns the true lesson of friendship. It's a tricky role and Murphy mostly pulls it off but sloppy special effects and annoying supporting characters drag Dave down. **Brian Towie/Metro Canada**

Screen Times

This page covers movie start times from Fri., July 18 to Thurs., July 24. Times are subject to change.

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From left, Doug Jones as Abe, Ron Perlman as Hellboy and Selma Blair as Liz in a scene from Hellboy II: The Golden Army, which is currently in theatres.

Vancouver

OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

The Alps (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2-4 Fri-Sat 8:30
Australia: Land Beyond Time (STC) Fri 7:30
Dinosaurs Alive! (STC) Fri-Thu 1
Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk (STC) Fri-Thu 11-3 Sat 7:30

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629

Deep Sea 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11-4-6
Dinosaurs 3D: Giants of Patagonia (STC) Fri-Thu 1-3
Dolphins and Whales 3D: Tribes of the Ocean (G) Fri-Thu 12-2-8
Okavango (STC) Fri-Thu 5-7
U2 3D (G) Fri-Thu 9

DENMAN CINEMA
1737 Comox, 604-683-2201

Listings not available at press time.

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri 3-7 Sat-Sun 12-3-7 Mon-Thu 3-7

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

Before It Rains (STC) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:30-9:40 Mon 1:30-4:15-9:40 Tue-Wed 1:30-4:15-7:30-9:40 Thu 1:30-4:15-9:40
The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:50-7:10
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:05-7:20-9:35
Mongol (14A) Fri-Tue 1:15-4:30-7:10-9:45 Wed 9:45 Thu 1:15-4:30-7:10-9:45

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Forgetting Sarah Marshall (18A) Dolby Stereo Fri-Wed 1:40-4:25-6:55-9:25 Dolby Stereo Thu 1:40-4:25-9:25
The Happening (14A) SR Dolby Digital Fri-Sat 1:50-4:35-7:05-9:35 SR Dolby Digital Sun 1:50-9:35 SR Dolby Digital Mon-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:05-9:35
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:45
Iron Man (PG) DTS Digital Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:10-9:50
Kung Fu Panda (G) DTS Digital Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:20-9:30
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) SR Dolby Digital Sun 4
You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 1:35-4:20-6:50-9:20
Young People F...ing (18A) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:15-9:40

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
www.hollywoodtheatre.ca

Baby Mama (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
Forgetting Sarah Marshall (18A) Fri 9:20 Sat-Sun 3:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 9:20

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:15-6:30-9:50
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5:7:20-9:40
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:10-9:30

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
www.cinematheque.bc.ca

Jour de fête (STC) Wed 7:30 Thu 9:35
Monsieur Hulot's Holiday (STC) Wed 9:10
Monsieur Verdoux (STC) Thu 7:15
Un chant d'amour (STC) Mon 7:30
What Is It? (STC) Fri-Sun 7

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

The Duchess of Langeais (G) Fri 4-7-9:45 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:45

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Priceless (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:30-7 Mon-Thu 7 Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 4-9:15 Wed 1

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
www.riotheatre.ca

Fudoh: The New Generation (STC) Fri 12
Ichi the Killer (STC) Fri
Kung Fu Panda (G) Fri 2-4 Sat-Thu 2-4-6
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (STC) Fri 9
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (STC) Thu 12
Young People F...ing (18A) Fri 7 Sat-Thu 8-10

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-12-3-3:30-7-7:20-10:40-11 No Passes Fri-Thu 11-2:30-6:30-10:10
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:40-10:20
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 11:45-2-4:30-6:50-9:20
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-1-3:40-4-6:40-7:10-9:30-10
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:30-10:30

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
www.cinemark.com

Brick Lane (PG) Fri-Thu 7:25-10
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:25-7:20-9:55 Mon 1:40-4:25-9:55 Tue 1:40-4:25-7:20-9:55 Wed 1:40-4:25-9:55 Thu 1:40-4:25-7:20-9:55
Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:45-10:35
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:10-1:05-2:2:55-3:50-4:45-5:40-6:35-7:30-8:25-9:20-10:15 No Passes Thu 12:10-1:05-2-2:55-3:50-4:45-5:40-6:35-7:30-8:25-9:20-10:15-12:01
The Incredible Hulk (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:20-7:40-10:30
Meet Dave (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:40-5
Savage Grace (18A) No Passes Fri-Wed 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:40 No Passes Thu 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:40-12:05
Sex and the City (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 4-7:10-10:20
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:35-2:45-4:55-7:05-9:15 No Passes Mon-Wed 12:35-2:45-4:55-9:15 No Passes Thu 12:35-2:45-4:55-9:15-11:20
Step Brothers (14A) No Passes Thu 12:01-12:02
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-1:10-1:55-2:50-4:30-5:25-7:7:50-9:30-10:25

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film
www.vifc.org

10 Questions for the Dalai Lama (STC) Sun 8:30 Tue 7
Blindsight (STC) Fri 8:30 Tue 8:45 Wed 8:30
Herbert's Hippopotamus: A Story About Revolution in Paradise (STC) Thu 7
McLuhan's Wake (STC) Thu 9
The Unwinking Gaze (STC) Fri 7 Sun 7 Mon 9 Wed 7

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri 7-10 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 7-10

North Shore

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

The Dark Knight (14A) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 12-12:15-1-3:15-3:30-4:30-6:35-6:50-8-9:55-10:10
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-7-9:30
Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D (PG) Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:50-4:20-7:10-9:20
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:10-7:15-9:35

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:50-5:7:30-9:50
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:40
Kung Fu Panda (G) Fri-Thu 3-7-9:10
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Meet Dave (G) Fri-Wed 1 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-4:50-7:15-9:20
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-6:50-9:45

Richmond

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri 3:30-6:45-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:45-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6:45-10
Hancock (PG) Fri 5-7:25-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:25-2:45-5-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 5-7:25-9:50
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri 3:50-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:50-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10-9:55
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WALL-E (G) Fri 4-7-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:35-4-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:35
Wanted (18A) Fri 3:40-7:15-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-7:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:40-7:15-10:05

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 11:30-12:45-3-4-6:30-7:30-10:30-10:45 No Passes Sun 11-11:30-2:30-3-6-6:30-9:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Wed 11:30-12:45-3-4-6:30-7:30-10:30-10:45 No Passes Thu 11:30-12:45-3-4-6:30-7:30-10:30-11:15 No Passes Fri-Sat 11-2:30-6-9:45 No Passes Sun 12:45-4-7:30-10:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 11-2:30-6-9:45
The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30-7-10:15
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-6:50-9:45
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Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:50-6:45-9:50
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:45-9:40
Kung Fu Panda (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5:15-7:45-10:05
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Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:20-7:20-10:20
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) Sun 5

Burnaby

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri 4-7-9:55 Sat-Sun 1-4-4-7-9:55 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:55
WALL-E (G) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-4:10-7:40-11
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Wed 12:25-3:35-7:10-10:15 Thu 12:25-3:35-7:10
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Hancock (PG) Fri 3:45-5:45-7:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:35-3:45-5:45-7:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:45-5:45-7:45-9:45
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri 3:55-6:35-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:55-6:35-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:35-9:15
The Incredible Hulk (14A) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:25
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri 3:50-6:25-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:50-6:25-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:25-9:10
Meet Dave (G) Fri 4:15-7:05-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:15-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:05-9:35
Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 6:20-9
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri 4-5:50-7:50-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4-5:50-7:50-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-5:50-7:50-9:40

New West/ Coquitlam

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The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Mon 11-11:30-12-12:30-2:30-3-3:30-4-6-6:30-7-7:30-9:30-10-10:30-11 No Passes Tue 11-11:30-12-12:30-2:30-3-3:30-4-6-6:30-7-7:30-9:30-10-10:35-11 No Passes Wed 11-11:30-12-12:30-2:30-3-3:30-4-6-6:30-7-7:30-9:30-10-10:30-11 No Passes Thu 11-11:30-12-12:30-2:30-3-3:30-4-6-6:30-7-7:30-9:30-10-10:35-11
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WALL-E (G) Fri-Mon 11-11:45-1:30-2:15-4:10-4:55-7:15-10:15 Tue 11:45-2:15-4:10-4:55-7:15-10:15 Wed-Thu 11-11:45-1:30-2:15-4:10-4:55-7:15-10:15 Star & Strollers Tue 1
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:45-9:30
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) Sun 5

From left, Josh Hutcherson, Brendan Fraser and Anita Briem in a scene from Journey To The Center Of The Earth, which is currently in theatres.

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The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Sat 2-7-9:45 Sun-Thu 2-7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30
The Incredible Hulk (14A) Fri-Thu 12-2:15-7-9:15
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-7:10-9:30
Iron Man (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30
Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 9:10
You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) Fri-Thu 4:45

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The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-12:30-3:30-4-7-7:30-10:30-10:45
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:20-10:05
Hancock Fri-Thu 12:40-2:55-5:15-7:45-10:10
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:50-9:40
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:40-5:05-7:25-9:45
Kismat Konnection (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 1-4:20-7:50
Kung Fu Panda (G) Fri-Thu 12:05
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10
Meet Dave (G) Fri-Thu 1:20
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:30-4:40-7:10-9:20
Thoda Pyaar Thoda Magic (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Sat 3:50-7:05 Sun 9 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:05
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Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:05-6:45-9:30
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) Sun 5

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

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Get Smart (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 6:45-9:20
Hancock (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:55-4:20-7:05-9:15
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:15-4:05-6:45-7:15-9:35-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 1:15-7:15-9:35-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:15-4:05-6:45-7:15-9:35-10
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1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527

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Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 7-9:10

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Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:10-7-9:25
WALL-E (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:20-7:20-9:20

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11-11:45-12:30-2:30-3:30-4-6-7:15-7:30-9:45-10:45-11
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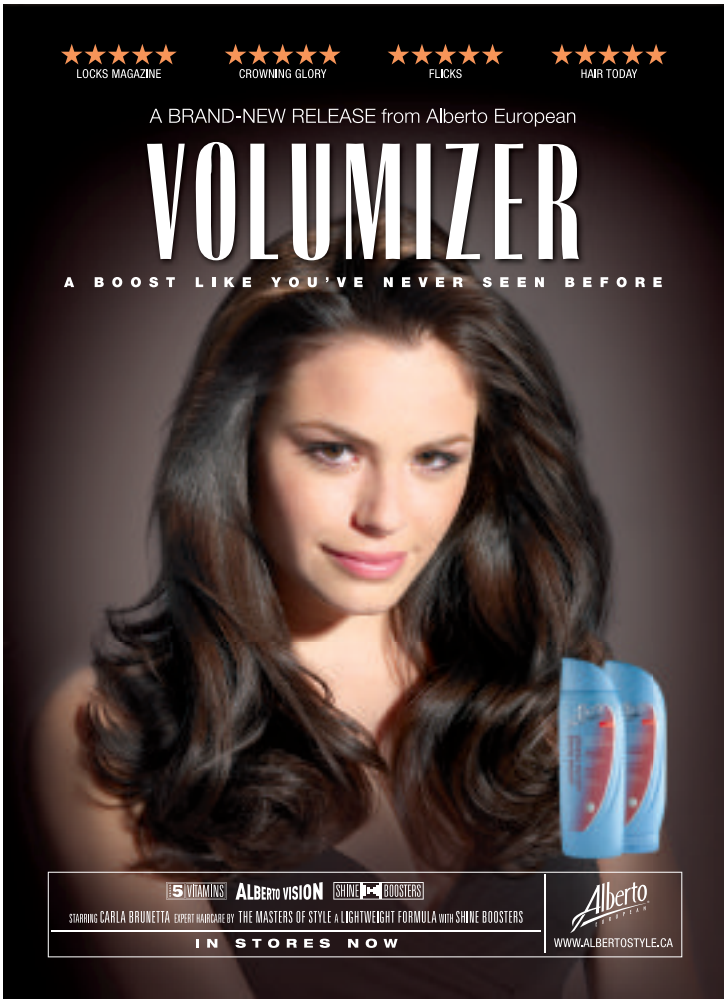
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Style

The simplest beauty tool

Celebrity makeup artist Korby Banner touts the Q-Tip's versatility

AMANDA TRUSCOTT
for Metro Vancouver

Celebrity makeup artist Korby Banner says his favourite tool for creating flawless, natural-looking makeup is a Q-Tip.

Banner, who has created looks for a galaxy of A-listers including Jennifer Lopez, Keira Knightley and Angelina Jolie, can be seen dabbing the little cotton-tipped sticks on the faces of ordinary women on the W Network's Style By Jury.

"Some people use them for removal and speckles and stuff, but I always use them for application because they're the perfect little beauty tool," he explains.

They're precise, versatile and hygienic, he says. And, he adds, "They're a great way to not pollute colours."

To avoid the chalky look of overall liquid foundation, Banner puts a little concealer on a Q-Tip to paint out flaws, then sweeps a light bronzer over his model's face for a soft glow. "It fills in the pores and blends out the colour," he explains.

KORBY BANNER PHOTO

Celebrity makeup artist Korby Banner says Q-Tips are a precise, versatile and hygienic beauty tool.

Also, using a Q-Tip instead of placing the concealer stick directly on skin helps to avoid contaminating the tube with bacteria from blemishes, he says.

For a soft summer look, Banner starts by rubbing a Q-Tip in a shimmery highlighter and brushing it over the brow bone and below the crease of the eyelid. He also draws a little "M" with the highlighter over the cupid's bow of the top lip to create a more defined pout.

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Korby Banner, makeup artist

Then, he wets a Q-Tip, twists it to a point, dips it in black cake eyeliner, and sweeps it along the base of the lashes. Next, he wets the other end and blends the line.

He dips a Q-Tip in brownish plum shadow, and brushes it below the crease of the eyelid, and along the bottom lashes. He fluffs the other end into a dome shape, and uses it to dust a softer shade of plum over the entire lid, right up to the brow bone.

He also uses Q-Tips to fill in eyebrows. In fact, Banner says the only things he doesn't use Q-Tips for are mascara and blush.

For lips, he twirls a Q-Tip over lipstick, paints it on, and then wipes the excess colour with the clean end for a lasting tint. "The look for lips is very nude right now," he says.

Banner says the best thing about a Q-Tip is that it can make anyone a better makeup artist. "It's all about blending," he says, "and it blends as you apply."

shine control

Getting shiny? Sweep a Q-tip gently across your eyelids and eye contour area to pick up excess oil in these delicate spots. Also, carry blotting tissues to control overall shine. Adding more powder can look caked, and show as too much product on the skin.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sydney, Australia.

List of top fashionable cities grows

STUDY The world of fashion remains dominated by five cities — New York, Rome, Paris, Milan and London — but B-list players like Sydney and Dubai are coming on strong, according to an annual survey of top fashion cities.

The list was compiled by the Global Language Monitor, a non-profit group that tracks the frequency of words and phrases in the media, on the Internet and throughout the blogosphere.

New York led the list in 2008 for the fifth consecutive year with Rome retaining the second slot, Paris third again but Milan overtaking London for the fourth position. London came fifth.

But more surprising was the rise of some smaller fashion centres, with Sydney jumping from 12th position to seventh in the list and Dubai moving up 12 spots to No. 12. REUTERS

Dearth of black models keeps Naomi Campbell going

FASHION INDUSTRY British supermodel Naomi Campbell says she refuses to retire after more than two decades on the world's catwalks because there are still too few black models in the fashion industry.

While many of her colleagues of the late 1980s — like Cindy Crawford and Christy Turlington — have moved on from the runways, the 38-year-old icon continues to turn heads at the world's leading fashion shows.

"I'm very grateful for my career, but I worry for the girls after me for the opportunities they get — the way they get treated. And this is one of the reasons I still do what I do," she said.

Campbell, who as a teenager was the first black model to grace the covers of the French and British editions of Vogue magazine, said many fashion designers still favoured fair-skinned models over their dark-skinned counterparts.

"I don't do so many shows anymore, but I do count how many girls of colour they use in the shows. It happens to be last year New York was the worst," the British bombshell said.

"Now at Paris Haute Couture there was only one black girl out of all the shows. It cannot be a trend."

Italian Vogue decided to use mainly black models in its July edition to highlight the problem.

"For me, it is something that is history-making. Something that I'm going to keep forever," she said about the magazine, which has a photo of her on one of four different covers.

The magazine also includes Tyra Banks, Iman, and other black actors, models and singers.

Campbell's career has been overshadowed recently by her troubles with the law. Last month, she pleaded guilty to assault in an expletive-filled "air rage" incident in London and was sentenced to community service. REUTERS

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Naomi Campbell

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Add interest with waistcoats

Style File

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ask kim

What brand of sunscreen do you use?

I like to use a light and non greasy formula for my face. The Clarins SPF 40 Day Screen High Protection is great for everyday use and it sits well underneath makeup; it also doesn't sting if it gets into your eyes. For the rest of my body, I like to use Coppertone SPF 50 in the continuous spray bottle, it's easy to use and you don't need to rub it in.

E-mail your style questions to *kim.elbo@metronews. ca.*

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.

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Designer: H&M
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Designer: Kate Moss for Top Shop
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Shop: MMH Studio
Address: 126 West 6th Ave.
mellinda-mae.com

Thigh High
My Favourite
Designer: Vero Moda
Shop: The Bay
Address: Various Locations
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accessory
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waistcoats

Take your outfit to the next level with a waistcoat. Waistcoats (also known as vests) are great for extending wardrobes because you can pair it with just about anything and if you buy a neutral block colour like grey or black you'll be able to wear it from season to season. Throw it on top of a T-shirt or dress and add a little interest to your outfit.

tip
Left your nail polish on a little too long and now your nails turned a slight yellow? Try dipping your nails into lemon juice for a couple of minutes (repeat if necessary) it'll get rid of the stain and make your nails look healthy.

short lengths

This season shorts are up and down, you can go thigh high or down low to the knees and all will be acceptable. Keep an open mind with lengths; a mid-length short can be worn to the office, a longer knee is great for a casual weekend and a short short can be worn in the evening or out to the beach. Pull your short look together with a bright white shirt and a dark colour stack heel. And look for embellishments like oversized pockets, matching belts and contrasting buttons.

Turbo volume: Vibrating mascara wands

Coming soon to a makeup counter near you: Mascara that vibrates.

According to the global beauty brand Estée Lauder, which will launch Turbo-Lash All Effects Motion Mascara for $30 this summer in the United States, and later this year in Canada, the innovation is designed to separate lashes and create volume at the base of the lash — an area often neglected.

Competitor Lancôme followed up with an announcement that it will release Oscillation this fall, with a brush that vibrates 7,000 times a minute and claims to provide 360-degree coverage of each lash.

Vibrating wands are just the latest innovation in the mascara market, which is worth an estimated $3.7 billion US globally. To capture some of this long, thick and very plump market, cosmetics companies are constantly introducing new variations on the theme of lash enhancement.

Battery-operated mascaras have been done before — one had an applicator that rotated and another was heated for smoother application — but neither innovation had staying power.

In a 2004 patent application for a vibrating mascara applicator, Estée Lauder argued its vibrating invention is significantly different from past products. So, could vibrating wands be the innovation that will create the lush lashes women long for? Or are they just another gimmick designed to up-sell consumers?

We asked makeup artist and beauty educator Dino Dilio for his opinion. And while he hasn't tried the product — samples aren't yet available in Canada — he is optimistic.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE PHOTO

Estée Lauder and Lancôme cosmetic companies are both set to launch mascaras with vibrating wands later this year.

"I'm excited," he says, "because when I tell ladies to put on mascara, I tell them to hold the brush at the root and wiggle it. It builds up volume at the roots of the lashes. It seems like that's what this product would do, so I think it would be kinda cool. Everything is getting easier these days." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

More to come ABC Family is expected to announce that it has ordered 13 additional episodes of The Secret Life of the American Teenager, the promising drama from 7th Heaven creator Brenda Hampton **REUTERS**

TV

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	196	311	7 CTV	eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Flashpoint "First in Line"		News (N)
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	-	360	9 NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Outrageous	Outrageous	Dateline NBC				News (N)
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	-	360	9 NBC	Peter's Pr.	Wheel-Fortune	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Local 4 News
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	214	344	15 CITY	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Housesitter (2007, Suspense) Tori Spelling. (DVS)				News (N)
	218	345	18 E!	E News	Be Real	Cradle of Lies (2006, Suspense) Shannon Sturges.				Out There	Out There	Guy Stuff
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	520	505	42 DIS	Naked Science (N)		Dirty Jobs "Shrimper"		Deadliest Catch		Criss Angel	Criss Angel	A Haunting
	581	566	53 MTV	MTV Shuffle		4REAL	MTV Screen	MTV Shuffle		Cribs	4REAL	MTV Screen
	522	506	55 HIS	NCIS "Marine Down"		Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Lord of War ★★ (2005, Drama) Nicolas Cage, Jared Leto. Premiere.				
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	209	342	6 CHRO	Funniest Home Videos		Starship Troopers ★★★ (1997, Science Fiction), Dina Meyer				Desperate Housewives		News (N)
	196	311	7 CTV	Instant Star (N)	The Hills	High School Musical: Picture		Cold Case "Wunderkind"		Mad Men A rift forms.		News (N)
	208	303	8 CBC	Heartland (HDTV)		How Do You Solve-Maria		Poseidon ★★ (2006, Adventure) Josh Lucas.				CBC News
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	522	506	55 HIS	NCIS "Left for Dead"		JFK's Women		JFK ★★★ (1991, Drama) Kevin Costner, Sissy Spacek, Joe Pesci.				
	603	561	95 FN	Jamie at Home	Fresh-Anna	Challenge Birthday cake.		Iron Chef America		Jamie at Home	Nigella	Road Grill

Emmy hype hits fever pitch

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NUMBINATED: Ken Ehrlich, the executive producer of the upcoming Emmy awards, is hardly the first — and won't be the last — to call the Emmy nominations announced yesterday a "changing of the guard."

That was the way he saw things yesterday, in an article by Miami Herald TV critic Glenn Garvin, who did the sums on the nominations and pointed out that while the big four networks and longtime Emmy monolith HBO weren't exactly shut out — they "still collected 290 nominations between them, more than twice as many as all the other channels combined," Garvin points out — but the nominations were full of more pointed snubs than high school before prom night.

The big news — or at least the news you're going to hear most — is that this year's Emmys mark the moment when basic cable, and not just HBO, got their leg up over the networks and surveyed the land with a conqueror's hunger. AMC, FX and Showtime each got nominated in the prestigious best drama category with Mad Men, Damages and Dexter, respectively, while former network favourites such as Grey's Anatomy and Ugly Betty were left with a fraction of the nomination nods they've gotten in previous years.

HBO, for the first time in years, was locked out of the best drama award. They needn't feel too bad, however, as John Adams, their historical miniseries starring Paul Giamatti as the second U.S. president, led the pack with 23 nominations, and a solid lead over runners-up 30 Rock (17 nominations), Mad Men (16 nominations) and Pushing Daisies (12 – more nominations than actual episodes in its truncated first season, as E! Online pointed out.)

The popularity of John Adams is surprising, and conspicuous; it looks like the sort of prestige project that voters feel good about supporting, regardless of what they felt about it, or whether they'd even watched it all the way through. E! Online also pointed out that the honeymoon is clearly over for Ugly Betty, which failed to get a Best Comedy series nomination, while adding that Fox was disappointed in its ambitions to see Family Guy get a nod in the category, and become the first animated show to be nominated in that category.

I'm sorry, but Family Guy best comedy? It's not even close to being the best animated series on the air right now — the Bizzaro world logic of awards shows is abundantly evident in the fact that The Simpsons, while years from being remotely deserving, had never been given a nomination. Even King Of The Hill would be a better choice, not to mention anything from South Park to Robot Chicken to Harvey Birdman to Metalocalypse, in a more perfect world.

And after putting that idea out there, I'm going to stop thinking about the Emmys until their Sept. 21 air date has come and gone.

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On September 14, the 5th annual Passions gala, to benefit the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation, will take place at the Dr. Peter Centre. 20 participating restaurants will pair dishes with Yellow Tail wine. Tickets are $200 and available from *drpetercentre.ca* or 604-331-3452. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Signature Dish:
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Rating:
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There is a growing trend in Vancouver favouring the casual resto-cum-cocktail bar set-up. This often entails heavy emphasis on brews and grapes, and a limited plate menu. Some places succeed brilliantly and others ... don't.
Revel belongs to the latter group. A limited menu is great when thought out carefully, but this globetrotting selection just reminded me of an aimless wanderer who couldn't find a soft place to land. Seared albacore tuna ($12) dusted in wild mushroom flour just tasted ... dusty, and overdone. The wet noodle accompaniment was bland. Manila clams ($12) with spicy sausage was disjointed, the meat not making up for the boring broth. Seared beef carpaccio ($12) was a disaster, an indifferent cut of striploin overwhelmed by red pepper aioli and tasteless blue cheese. The Moroccan lamb meatballs ($12) were a slight improvement, but the runny egg topping was lost in the heavy tomato sauce. A side of grilled asparagus ($8) was perfect, but not enough to justify a repeat visit. A little more simplicity and focus in the food could make all the difference for the great staff, a good list of wines by the glass and some decent cocktails.
Read more Urban Foodie on Anya's blog at *metronews.typepad.com/urban-foodie*.

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Seared beef carpaccio with red pepper aioli.

Infused Gin is the New Black Label

Gin and cucumber have long been friends, thanks to the bright crispness that the fruit gives to this already-light alcohol. It's no surprise, then, that restaurants as far-flung as New York, Tokyo and Vancouver are now using cuke-infused gins as a base for some tasty summer cocktails. This one comes from Revel Room in Gastown.

English Ed
- 1 oz cucumber-infused gin
- 2 oz fresh red apple juice
- Lemon juice to taste

Combine ingredients and strain over ice into chilled martini glass. Add some chopped fresh mint before straining for a little lift.

Dining out

THROWBACK
Aurora Bistro is celebrating its 5-year anniversary with a special "Throw Back to the Beginning" fixed price menu, featuring old favourites and some of the original dishes. The three-course menu is $49, Monday to Thursday, until July 31. Call 604-873-9944 for reservations.

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In brief

GREEN EATING Shaffeen Jamal, owner of Curry 2 U in the Granville Island Public Market has completely replaced all Styrofoam clamshells and plastic utensils with stainless steel serving platters known as thalis. Will it go market-wide?
CLOSINGS Flite Restaurant in Yaletown has closed for "repairs" but methinks this will be a more permanent sleep, while Flux in Gastown is up for sale. **METRO VANCOUVER**

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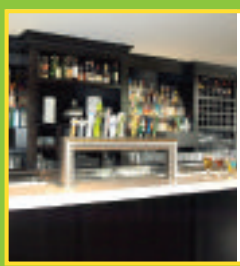
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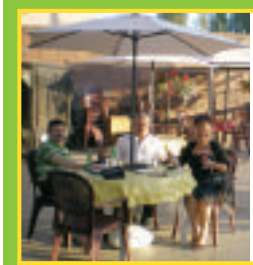
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U.S. funnyman Andy Dick has been released from jail following his arrest on Wednesday on suspicion of drug possession and sexual battery. The 42-year-old comic posted $5,000 bail following his arrest in Murieta, California, after onlookers reported his inappropriate behaviour. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Parker denies mole removal

SPOTTED Sarah Jessica Parker has denied she has gone under the knife to remove a beauty spot from her face — insisting she has not had plastic surgery of any kind, *imdb.com* reports.

The Sex And The City star was photographed apparently without her signature facial feature — a mole on her chin — as she stepped out for a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York City on Tuesday.

Pictures of the actress clearly show that the previously noticeable blemish has been replaced by a tiny mark.

But 43-year-old Parker is adamant that she has not undergone surgery, with her representative saying, "Nothing has been removed."

Meanwhile, Parker has been hailed this year's unexpected crush by a U.S. men's magazine bidding to make up with the actress after calling her the unsexiest woman alive.

The 43-year-old Sex and the City star was outraged last year when men's publication Maxim bestowed her with the unsexy honour, insisting the insult was "brutal."

And Parker's outspoken opposition to the title seems to have worked. The actress will receive her award in the August issue of the magazine.

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Cruz hounded by press

ACTRESS Actress Penelope Cruz fears for her life every time she steps out in her native Spain because aggressive cameramen follow her every move, *imdb.com* reports.

She says, "In Spain these TV shows are on for maybe 17 hours a day. They are very cheap to make because they just have somebody running after people in the street with a camera, provoking them, insulting them.

"They are waiting for more and more drama ... Unless they have a dead body in front of them, it's not enough. I mean, it is just beyond crazy and completely unacceptable."

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celebrity brief

McConaughey a music mogul?

COMPANY Actor Matthew McConaughey is turning his attentions to a new project — he has set up his own record company, *imdb.com* reports.

The A Time To Kill star has already signed his first act — a reggae singer — and is approaching other major music labels for backing. A source tells New York gossip column Page Six, "His first artist is a reggae guy called Mishka. The album will be called Above the Bones and the first single is Here Comes Da Train."

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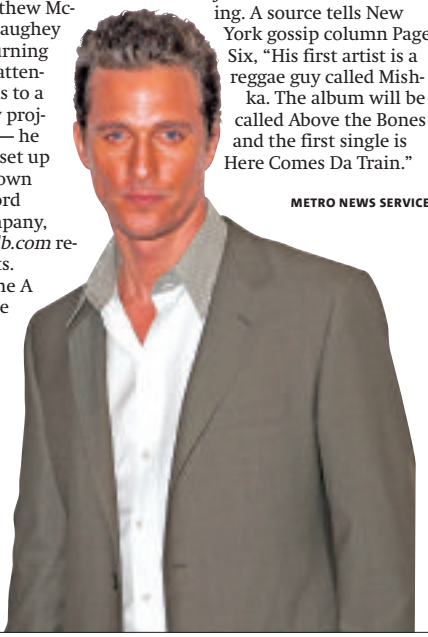

celebrity brief

Jolie inundated with flowers

WELL WISHES The day after Angelina Jolie's twins were born, she received another special delivery: Flowers from each of her children, *usmagazine.com* reports.

"It was a blessed sight," one hospital staffer says. In addition to the blooms brought by her kids, the actress received so many bouquets that hospital staffers had to store them in her security guards' rooms.

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Paris rejected by top soccer star

MOVIES Paris Hilton's attempts to flirt with soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo ended in disaster as the star's romantic advances were rejected, according to reports, *imdb.com* reports.

A source tells British newspaper the Daily Mirror, "Paris saw Ronaldo and immediately slithered past the dozens of women trying to get his attention. Then she climbed over one of his mates and planted herself next to him but he wasn't interested."

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Blair a common gay crush

ROLES Hollywood actress Selma Blair is regularly propositioned by lesbians because of her three on-screen girl-on-girl love scenes, *imdb.com*.

The 36-year-old, who split from her husband Ahmet Zappa in 2006, gained a massive gay following after locking lips with Sarah Michelle Gellar in 1999's Cruel Intentions. She subsequently went on to film lesbian kissing scenes for last year's Feast of Love and for upcoming movie Driving Lessons. And Blair is convinced that many women often confuse her for a real life lesbian, according to the New York Daily News.

She says, "I have done three girl-on-girl kisses on-screen. And, yet, I've never done any (lesbian experimentation) in my real life.

"When lesbian friends tell me they're in love with me after our friendship has been cemented, it always shocks me."

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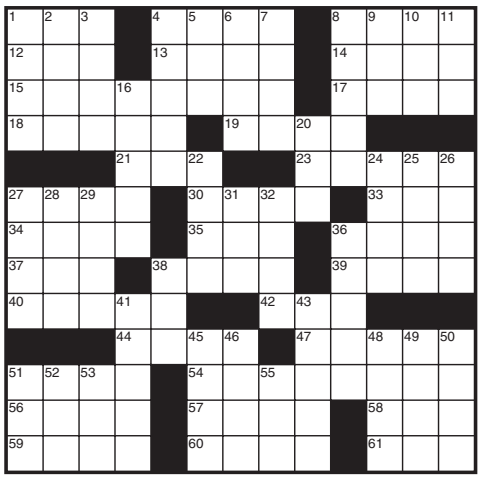
Hollywood funnyman Will Ferrell and soccer star David Beckham have became the proud owners of a racehorse. The stars were awarded part-ownership of the potential champion as part of a gift bag handed out at the Espy Sports Awards in Los Angeles on Wednesday. IMDB

Take Five



Crossword across

1 Decide on
4 Shore catch
8 Pet in a cage
12 — and aah
13 Freight hopper
14 Pirates' base
15 Almost for sure
17 — 500
18 Cram
19 Sports channel
21 Tract of open ground
23 Lariat
27 1492 vessel
30 Whodunit must
33 Gossip
34 Encourage with approval
35 Car grill cover
36 New England campus
37 Call — — cab
38 Skippers' okays
39 Rainbow shapes
40 Oust
42 Say what?
44 Made a web
47 Elk kin
51 Stadium shouts
54 Needing a transplant
56 Water, in Baja
57 Elm or maple
58 Fix, as an election
59 Snail-paced
60 Rubaiyat author
61 Watch secretly

Crossword down

1 Fumbler's word
2 Cruise stop
3 Quaker pronoun
4 Irritate
5 Thieve
6 Fully qualified
7 Some youngsters
8 Deli crepes
9 Songwriter Janis —
10 Free of
11 Suitable for cactus
16 Musical key (2 wds.)
20 Use a crowbar
22 Popular columnist
24 Nearly shut
25 Bath powder
26 Astonishes
27 Designate for an office
28 Mountain goat
29 Third-quarter tide
31 Source of iron
32 Hurry
36 Internet search engine
38 Zurich peak
41 Composition
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55 Iced drink

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This day in history

JULY 18, 64 A.D.: A fire begins to burn in the merchant area of Rome and soon burns completely out of control while Emperor Nero reportedly plays his lyre and sings while watching the blaze from a safe distance.
JULY 18, 1925: Adolf Hitler publishes his personal manifesto Mein Kampf.
JULY 18, 1984: In a McDonald's fast-food restaurant, James Oliver Huberty opens fire, killing 21 people and injuring 19 others before being shot dead by police.
JULY 18, 1992: A The ten victims of the La Cantuta massacre disappeared from their university in Lima.

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Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Keep your side of a bargain or lose a friend. An arrogant person's nervousness will interfere. Too much preparation causes turmoil.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Someone can be hurt on a dangerous journey. You'll be punished if you are naughty. Don't worry; life won't pass you by.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Don't shed tears if your feelings are hurt. Love talk will be about a broken heart. A rational individual lacks a grasp of reality.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A leader wants to be honest. A group is forced to deal with diverted funds. A fragile person is stronger than you think.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A splinter group will decline to retaliate. A good-looking guy has a fright. Watch out for drivers using their phones.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Learn something faster with a companion. A well-meaning person makes problems. A triumph leads to an assessment.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Be attentive to the realization of your destiny. Someone gets snubbed due to lack of popularity. Pay attention to simplicity.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Something unusual causes an allergy. A traitor wants something for free. A crime of passion causes a break down.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
A man's stupid question means a lot. A mischievous person presents a challenge. Release your passion with the light of love.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Calm descends among co-workers. An ailing person needs a stern lecture. You can economize by using a critical eye.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A champion eases a money problem. A lackadaisical attitude can be fixed. A rebel is distressed by a remarkable dream.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
Spend some time with cold-hearted people. Tell the truth and cause confusion. Someone argues about ridiculous things.

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Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

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9	6	3	1	2	4	5	7	8

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:
Under 13 . . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21 . . . . . Smart
21-25 . . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practicing

Vancouver weather

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Afternoon	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Variable. 22°	Partly cloudy. Low 14°	60% Rain. 20°/ 14°	Partly sunny. 19°/ 13°	Sunny. 20°/ 12°

Temperature
Normals
High: 22.5°
Low: 13.2°

Records
High: 28.3°/1944
Low: 7.9°/1977

Sunrise: 5:27 a.m.
Sunset: 9:9 p.m.
Moonset: 5:35 a.m.
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